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## Verdict on WikiLeaks source Manning set for Tuesday

FORT MEADE (AFP) - A verdict is expected today in the trial of US soldier Bradley Manning, who faces life behind bars for leaking a massive trove of secret government files to WikiLeaks.

US military judge Denise Lind plans to issue her judgement at 1700 GMT, her office said Monday.

Manning was serving as an intelligence analyst in Iraq when he sent the anti-secrecy website a vast cache of secret diplomatic cables and classi-

fied military reports from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 25-year-old has admitted to leaking some 700,000 documents but denied other charges, including the most serious count -- that he knowingly helped Osama bin Laden's global extremist network Al-Qaeda.

If convicted of that charge, he could spend the rest of his life in prison. The sentencing phase of the trial could begin as early as Wednesday.

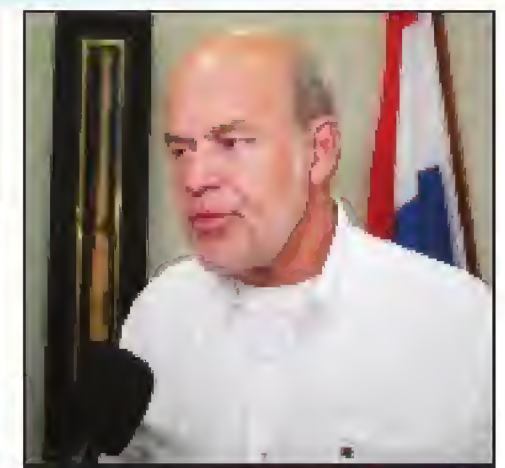
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## Italy mourns 38 killed in coach crash



Photos depict (top): Hearses lined up outside a school in southern Italy Monday as sobbing relatives watch them take away the coffins of those killed when a coach plunged off a highway near Naples, the worst such accident in western Europe in a decade. Relatives and friends gathered at a nearby school where the bodies of their loved ones were laid out in the gymnasium, ahead of funerals to be held today. (Bottom): Followed by relatives, coffins of victims are carried out of the morgue in Monteforte Irpino, southern Italy. The accident came just days after a train crash in Spain last Wednesday which killed 79 people, the deadliest rail disaster in the country in decades.

## Willem van de Zee of Parnassia Groep Nederland: The quality of life of the young addict and their recuperation has to be priority!



Recently, the Aruban government signed an agreement with among others, Anti Drug Foundation of Aruba (FADA), Adopt an Addict Foundation, Foundation for the Management of Addicts (Aruba), Ministry of Public Health and Sports, Stichting Eliezer and the Parnassia Groep Nederland.

Parnassia Groep is a care foundation in Holland with ample experience and is well known for their success in the intensive care of addicts. They are known for their prevention program among young people, as well as for the psychic care and treat-



ment among children.

Willem van de Zee of the Parnassia Groep is convinced that bringing our foundations together to create one solid front to treat young addicts is a fantastic idea. The young addict is vulnerable and must be treated in his own country. He should not have to be sent abroad. The young addict must never be discarded, they must always be seen as the future of the nation. Treatment of our youth must never be terminated, whether they are an addict or suffers from psychic problems. They must be helped so they can be reintegrated into the community in the best way possible.

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## Pope Francis: 'Who am I to judge' gays?

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Francis reached out to gays on Monday, declaring that it is not his place to judge them -- while also condemning the Vatican's reported gay lobby as a "serious problem".

The remarks to journalists as he flew back to Rome from a high-profile trip to Brazil appeared to be more conciliatory towards homosexuals than his predecessor Benedict XVI.

"If someone is gay and seeks the Lord with good will, who am I to judge?" the pope asked.

"The problem is not having this orientation, it is lobby-



ing. That's the most serious problem."

The pope had admitted in June that there was a "gay lobby" in the Vatican's secretive administration, the Roman Curia, according to a Latin American Catholic website.

It followed earlier Italian

media reports claiming that a secret report by cardinals investigating Vatican leaks included allegations of corruption and blackmail attempts against gay clergymen, and on the other hand, favoritism based on gay relationships

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The new Custom Officers with Minister of Finance Mike de Meza

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The program for entering the Customs Corps began in August 2012 and after nine

months this big class completed the program to become "kommies." (Officers in the 2nd rank). This is the second rank in the hierarchy of the Customs. They entered as "hulp-kommies," temporary employees and now that they have completed the course they become a "kommies."

With these 44 employees, Customs has more officers to watch over our frontiers both at the Oranjestad wharf, San Nicolaas, Barcadera and at

the airport. This need continue to grow in view of the large number of tourists arriving at the airport and via cruise ships. Along with this is the large amount of cargo arriving on the island daily. All efforts can be made to ensure that no illicit material enters our island, and to ensure that the government receives her fair share of income duties.

During the nine months course, various instructors were responsible for teaching this group. The material consisted of both theory and practice. The lessons included a list of laws relating to import duties, penalty issues, and import tariffs, etc. Also included were laws related to drugs, medicine, arms and the importation of livestock and meat.

Customs has existed on Aruba since 1834, way back in the colonial days. The first office of the Customs was lo-

cated on the old pier where the former Bali Restaurant was located. In 1986, Aruba received her own Inspector of Customs who resorted at the time under the Department of Taxes.

In January 2013, a change was enacted in the Customs

Department with this department assuming their own independence and resorting directly under the Minister of Finance. The Customs Corps today has 227 employees both in the hierarchy of the Customs as well as in administrative personnel.

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## Bon Voyage for “beursalen” students at La Vista



Students enjoying La Vista's breakfast buffet



### GM Tom Calame gives the students advice about studying in the Netherlands

On Friday July 26th, the Aruba Marriott Resort invited the children of Marriott's associates, who are departing Aruba to study abroad in the Netherlands for a delicious “Bon Voyage Breakfast” buffet at La Vista Restaurant.



PR & eCommerce Mng Keirsin gives the students a fortune cookie for good luck




Students and Sales & Marketing rep Aruba Marriott Jane at Marriott

Over two hundred Beursalen (Aruban students) depart on Tuesday July 30 to the Netherlands to continue their studies abroad. On that day, Aruban families gather at the airport to say their

goodbyes as the young Arubans will leave Aruba to explore and experience a new life.

The Aruba Marriott Complex General Manager Tom Calame gave a few words of wisdom and Alta gracia Lampe from Human Resources and Jane Vermaas from Sales & Marketing who studied in the Netherlands shared their experiences with the group. The students received a “Don't Get Home-sick Travel Bag” that contained the Aruba Calendar 2014, a USB card, a luggage tag and more articles that they can use for their studying.


Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino would like to express their pride of this next generation of Young Aruban Professionals and wishes them all the best in the Netherlands.



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### Willem van de Zee of Parnassia Groep Nederland...

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The primary focus of the treatment will be in improving the quality of life. This will entail professional and interactive care. Willem van de Zee confirms that they will ensure that professional care is offered.

There is a difference in the care for older persons and the young addict and this is why the care given must be on a professional basis. They will ensure that they have the services of a children's psychologist. The Dutch expert is excited about the prospects of this program and expressed being proud to form part of the group.

They expect to see great results and a very positive outcome as they work with our addicts and do everything possible to rehabilitate them and improve their quality of life.





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## Aruba sweeps first place in all divisions of the International Miniature Boat Races



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1st place 40 inch winner,  
Jacinto Martis



30 inch division winners



Top three winners 35 inch division

Aruba's Miniature Boat Foundation (AMS) was proud to welcome enthusiasts of the pastime from Bonaire, Curacao and St Maarten for their annual International

Miniature Boat Races conducted from Governor's Beach in Oranjestad on Sunday, July 28.

The event was conducted in the honor of island pioneer in the pastime, Rudolfo St. Jago (RIP) founder of the AMS. There were over seventy-five entries competing in three divisions: 30-inch, 35-inch and 40-inch model boats. The lovingly grafted miniature vessels operate strictly on sail power, there are no small motors or remote controls used in directing the. Participants use fishing line to direct and control their entries.

This pleasant family day



Top three winners in 40 inch class

was highlighted by the awarding of the trophies by Aruba's Minister of Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser. Aruba's dominated all the first place spots and claimed all the trophies in the

35-inch category. Nine captains from Bonaire entered a total of 20 boats in the competition and the one captain from Curacao, Aymerick Albertus, entered 3 boats.

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## Aruba sweeps first place in all divisions of the International Miniature Boat Races

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He took the title of sub-champion in the 30-inch category. The single captain

from St. Maarten traveled to Aruba with two of his model boats.

**Final results for all the races were**

### 30 Inch Division

**First Place** – Jeandrick Albertus -Boat- *Top Gun* (Aruba)

**Second Place** – Aymerick Albertus -Boat- *Dolor di Cabel* (Curacao)

**Third Place** – Elvis Kock -Boat- *Mojito* (Aruba)

### 35 Inch Division

**First Place** – Elvis Kock -Boat- *Pinocho* (Aruba)

**Second Place** – Wilfrido Albertus -Boat- *No Name* (Aruba)

**Third Place** – Jacinto Martis -Boat- *Big Star* (Aruba)

### 40 Inch Division

**First Place** – Jacinto Martis -Boat- *Buchi Cumucu* (Aruba)

**Second Place** – Jerry Domacasse -Boat- *Jaja* (Bonaire)



**Third Place** – Roy Winklaar -Boat- *Double Trouble* 1 (Bonaire)

By Rosalie Klein

## LEARNING

**NEVER STOP  
LEARNING,  
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NEVER STOPS  
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By: Roland W. Peterson

### I have learned:

- that the fishing line on (fishing)trips with my father, when I was a boy, is a main line in today's time;
- that love, not time, heals all wounds;
- that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will find another mooring place;
- that you are hooked for life, when your newly born child grabs your little finger;
- that climbing the mountain, is more adventurous than living on the top;
- that being kind is more important than being right;
- that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him/her in some other way;
- that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand;
- that a little smile could substitute for good morning;
- that life goes on and that it will be better tomorrow;
- that I have learned that I have a lot to learn.

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## Quit now, Democrats tell embattled Weiner

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A majority of New York Democrats want disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner out of the race to be the city's next mayor, according to a poll published on Monday.

Weiner, who admitted last week to conducting a steamy cyber affair a year after similar conduct forced him to resign from Congress, has already been urged to quit by Democrat bigwigs.

The latest survey, carried out by Quinnipiac University's Polling Institute, found 53 percent of registered Democrats want him to quit the race, against 40 percent who say he should continue to campaign.

The poll also confirmed that last week's salacious revelations about his online relationship with Sydney Leathers have left him with little chance of winning the September primary. From being the frontrunner in June, he has slid to fourth in the Democrat field, with only 16 percent support.

City Council speaker Christine Quinn leads the pack with 27 percent and Weiner is also now trailing Bill de Blasio and William Thompson.

"With six weeks to go, anything can happen but it looks like former Congressman Anthony Weiner may have sexed himself right out of the race," said Quinnipiac director Maurice Carroll.

Weiner was dealt another blow over the weekend when his campaign manager Danny Kedem quit, telling friends that the candidate had not been upfront with him about the nature of the damaging revelations likely to emerge on the hustings.

David Axelrod, the strategist who guided President Barack Obama to his election victories, has told Weiner he is wasting his time continuing the fight. "Americans believe in second chances, but not third chances," he said.

Weiner shrugged off the advice. "I don't take my views on politics from the Sunday talk shows," he said Monday. "Or from the headline writers. These are the people who did not want me to run in the first place. I'm going to keep talking about the things that matter to this city."

Weiner's 2011 resignation from Congress came after he accidentally tweeted a picture of himself in his underwear to all his followers rather than the young woman he was then courting online.

## Pope Francis who am I...

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Francis also fielded questions about Battista Ricca, who was appointed by the pontiff to a key position at the troubled Vatican bank but is embroiled in allegations that he had gay relationships with male prostitutes.

The pope said he had ordered a "brief investigation but we found nothing on him".

"I have not seen anyone at the Vatican who is registered as gay on his identity card," he said, adding however: "We acknowledge that there are (gays)."

Nevertheless, "the catechism of the Catholic Church says clearly that we must not marginalise these people who should be integrated in the society," he added.

The Italian weekly L'Espresso this month reported that Ricca had gay relationships during his time at the Vatican embassy of Montevideo in Uruguay as well as an affair with a Swiss guard which ultimately saw him sent back to Rome in disgrace in 2010.

Because of an internal bid to cover up Ricca's activities, Francis apparently was unaware of his past before appointing him as his personal

representative at the scandal-hit bank this year.

Gay rights groups had voiced hope on Francis's appointment that the Argentinian pope would be friendlier to homosexuals than his predecessor.

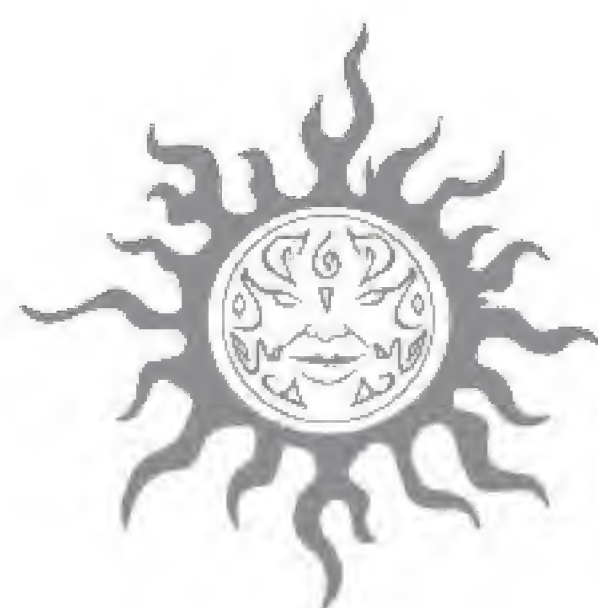
Benedict had angered the gay community with his suggestion in 2008 that homosexuality was as much of a threat to the survival of the human race as climate change.

As Latin America's first pontiff, he was given a rock star's welcome on Rio de Janeiro's legendary Copacabana beach, with a sea of faithful waving flags, dancing and chanting "long live the pope!" on the crescent-shaped shoreline.

Wrapping up his first trip abroad since his election in March, the head of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics hammered home his plea for young believers gathered for World Youth Day to "go and make disciples of all nations".

He waved away security concerns, saying: "A bishop and his people cannot be separated by an armoured vehicle."

"I prefer taking a risk," he said.



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## Verdict on WikiLeaks...

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In closing arguments, defense attorney David Coombs said Manning was no traitor but rather a "young, naive and good-intentioned" whistleblower who wanted to encourage public debate about US foreign policy.

The prosecution insists Manning recklessly betrayed his uniform and his country by leaking documents he knew Al-Qaeda would see and use.

Manning's supporters argue that a conviction would be a huge blow for press freedoms in the United States and would deter future whistleblowers from exposing government wrongdoing.

## Cannes jewellery heist 'worth about \$136 million'

CANNES (AFP) - An armed man who staged a brazen heist in a French Riviera luxury hotel took off with jewels worth \$136 million (103 million euros), prosecutors said Monday, in one of the world's biggest jewellery thefts.

Undisturbed by security staff, the man on Sunday walked into the Carlton in the posh resort of Cannes -- a hotel popular with film stars that was once the location of Alfred Hitchcock's thriller "To Catch A Thief".

Armed with a semi-automatic pistol, his head covered with a cloth, he proceeded to steal items that were part of an exhibition by a group owned by Israeli billionaire Lev Leviev, escaping with a briefcase full of jewels and

watches encrusted in diamonds.

Authorities had initially estimated the heist was worth \$53 million (40 million euros), but after an inventory of the exhibition, prosecutors in Grasse near Cannes have concluded that it is valued at a much higher \$136 million.

As such, it comes head-to-head with what is considered the world's largest ever haul of jewellery -- valued at around 100 million euros -- which took place in Belgium in 2003.

It is also France's biggest diamond heist, eclipsing a 2008 incident when three men stole almost every piece on display at a jewellery exhibition in Paris, a theft valued at 85 million euros.





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## International News

### FBI sting frees 105 sexually abused youths, nets 150 pimps



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A sting focused on underage prostitution has freed 105 sexually abused youths and netted 150 pimps, the FBI announced Monday.

The extensive, three-day sweep took place in 76 US cities in conjunction with local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as the the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), it said in a statement.

Most of the freed youths are

young teenagers aged 13 to 16, said Ronald Hosko, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division.

"Our goal is that child trafficking is openly discussed," he told reporters. "We are trying to take this crime out of the shadows and put a spotlight on it... to put them (the children) out of the cycle."

NCMEC CEO John Ryan said the sting, dubbed Operation Cross Country, "demonstrates just how many of America's children are being sold for sex every day, many on the Internet."

The Justice Department has estimated that nearly 450,000 children run away from home each year and that one-third of teens living on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.

### Mexican admiral killed in ambush

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A Mexican admiral has been shot to death in an ambush in a region where security forces have been battling a powerful drug cartel, officials said Monday.

The government's spokesman on security matters, Eduardo Sanchez, said the military had arrested three members of the group suspected of carrying out the attack Sunday in the western state of Michoacan.

He said gunmen opened fire on an official vehicle carrying Vice Admiral Carlos Miguel Salazar Ramonet, who was traveling on an unpaved road.

The admiral's vehicle had turned onto the dirt road after finding that the highway it was traveling on was blocked.

Michoacan has been the scene of violent clashes between security forces and a drug gang known as the Knights Templar.

On Tuesday, four police and at least 20 suspected gang members were killed in a series of gun battles in the state, according to the government.

President Enrique Pena Nieto ordered a major operation in May targeting the Knights Templars in Michoacan after villagers began organizing their own self-defense groups.

### Self-defense law helped black teen's killer get away with murder: mother

MIAMI (AFP) - The mother of Trayvon Martin said Monday the volunteer neighborhood watchman who shot her unarmed son got away with murder thanks a controversial self-defense law.

George Zimmerman was acquitted of killing the 17-year-old Martin following a trial that stirred up controversy on "stand your ground" laws, which assert citizens can use lethal force if they fear their lives are in danger, even if they might have been able to safely retreat.

"The thing about this law is I just think it assisted the person who killed my son to get away with murder," Sybrina Fulton told a National Bar Association conference in Miami Beach.



"I think we have to change these laws so people don't get away with murder," she added.

Martin was walking through a gated Florida community, carrying iced tea and sweets, when Zimmerman fatally shot

him after a confrontation.

Zimmerman's trial lawyers did not explicitly invoke the "stand your ground" law during the trial, arguing instead that he acted in self-defense in the traditional sense.

But the case stirred up controversy around such laws, present in some 30 states.

US Attorney General Eric Holder has urged a rethink of such laws. However, Florida Governor Rick Scott has said he will not seek a rollback.

Civil rights leaders have vowed to use Florida as a testing ground to challenge and change "stand your ground" laws, which they feel disproportionately impact African Americans and people of color.

### 15 Cairo street vendors killed in fight: security

CAIRO (AFP) - At least 15 people were killed on Monday night in a brawl between Cairo street vendors over space, including 13 who were burned to death, a security source told AFP.

The source said two people died of gunshot and stab wounds in an initial brawl in central Cairo, and 13 more were killed after the shop they took refuge in was set on fire.

"Fifteen people were killed, including 13 who were burned to death, in a brawl between a number of vendors from two families... over an old disagreement on vendor spaces," the source said.

The source said the fight broke out between street vendors and shopowners in the Moski area in Old Cairo.

Security forces and firefighters moved into the area in

the wake of the fight and put out the fire started during the brawl.

They discovered the 13 bodies of people killed in the blaze and arrested several people,

the source added.

There were no initial indications that the deadly melee was linked to the political turmoil that has engulfed Egypt since the July 3 ouster of the Islamist president in an army coup.



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## Health & Living

# Bananas, pain killers do trick for world's oldest man

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A US drug company said it was considering a banana-flavored version of its pain reliever after the world's oldest man attributed his longevity to the fruit and the drug.

Spanish-born Salutiano "Shorty" Sanchez-Blazquez, a 112-year-old former coal miner who lives close to Niagara Falls in up-state New York, was named by Guinness World Records as the oldest certified man on the planet Thursday.

He succeeded Japan's Jiroemon Kimura, who died on June 12 at the age of 116. According to Guinness, Sanchez-Blazquez is currently the only male born in 1901 with proof of birth.

From his birthplace in Spain, he moved at 17 to Cuba, where he worked on sugar plantations, before arriving in the United States via the

believed he had lived to such an old age thanks to a daily dose of a banana and six tablets of Anacin, a branded pain-reliever that includes aspirin and caffeine.

That naturally delighted Anacin's manufacturer Insight Pharmaceuticals.

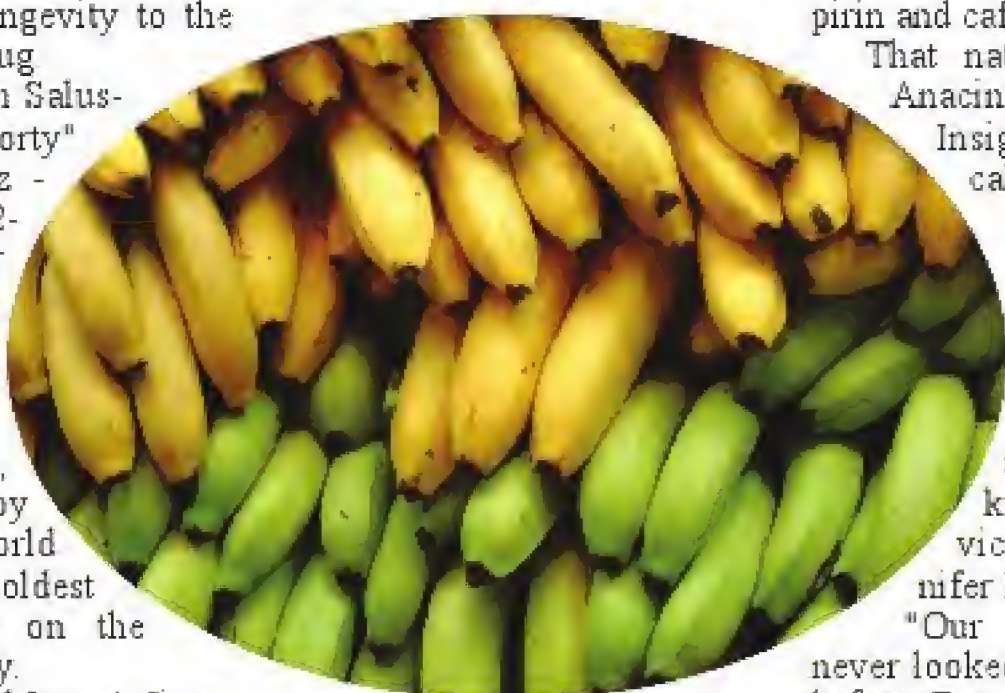
"Historically, apples are the fruit most associated with staying healthy and avoiding doctors," said marketing vice-president Jennifer Moyer.

"Our scientists had never looked into the banana before. But now that the certified oldest man in the world credits bananas and Anacin as his life-extending combo, we're certainly going to explore whether a new 'Banananacin' product makes sense."

iconic immigration center on Ellis Island in 1920.

After working as a miner in Kentucky, he eventually settled in the Niagara area, close to the border with Canada.

In a statement, he said he



## World Breastfeeding Week 2013 (1 - 7 August)



-- This year's World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) theme, 'BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT: CLOSE TO MOTHERS', highlights Breastfeeding Peer Counselling. Even when mothers are able to get off to a good start, all too often in the weeks or months after delivery there is a sharp decline in breastfeeding rates, and practices, particularly exclusive breastfeeding. The period when mothers do not visit a healthcare facility is the time when a community support system for mothers is essential. Continued support to sustain breastfeeding can be provided in a variety of ways. Traditionally, support is provided by the family. As societies change, however, in particular with urbanization, support for mothers from a wider circle is needed, whether it is provided by trained health workers, lactation consultants, community leaders, or from friends who are also mothers, and/or from fathers/partners. The Peer Counselling Program is a cost effective and highly productive way to reach a larger number of mothers more frequently. Peer Counsellors can be anyone from the community who is trained to learn to support mothers. Trained Peer Counsellors, readily available in the community become the lifeline for mothers with breastfeeding questions and issues. "The key to best breastfeeding practices is continued day-to-day support for the breastfeeding mother within her home and community."

## UAE condemns Indian to death for raping young girl

DUBAI (AFP) - A UAE court on Monday sentenced to death a 57-year-old Indian man convicted of raping a seven-year-old girl at an Abu Dhabi school, the victim's family lawyer told AFP.

A lower court in Abu Dhabi court found the Indian man guilty of raping the girl at a school cafeteria where he was employed and of "threatening to kill" her if she reported the attack, lawyer Hussein al-Jaziri said.

The ruling, which must still be confirmed by the courts of appeals and cassation, will "give hope to the victim and her family that justice has been achieved," said the lawyer.

He urged parents of children who are victims of rape, a taboo among conservative Emirati families, to report such crimes.

Executions are rare in the United Arab Emirates, where death sentences are typically commuted to life in prison.

In February 2011 an Emirati man convicted of raping and murdering a Pakistani child in a Dubai mosque was executed -- the first in 10 years.



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### Oil Reserves in the Caribbean Shifting Geopolitical Scales



--The Costa Rica News (TCRN) -- Latin America is the largest and fastest growing emerging market on the globe, but with that, consider that the oil reserves under the Caribbean Basin are on the same scale as those of the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden combined and further, that studies indicate three thousand more times natural gas than oil.

Big oil companies, and gov-

ernments from Haiti to Costa Rica, are highly focused on their respective energy reserves. This is the reason why there has been a plethora of territory disputes, in the Caribbean although mostly ignored by main stream media.

According to Atlas Caribbean (<http://atlas-caribe.cetic.unicaen.fr/en/page-122.html>), two thirds of the Caribbean's international maritime boundaries have yet to

be the object of an agreed convention between the bordering states in question.

Since Petrocaribe's implementation in 2005, the Caribbean region has benefited enormously from the operation. Member countries, such as Jamaica, Cuba, Antigua and Barbuda, Nicaragua and Honduras, were permitted to pay 40% of Venezuelan oil imports within 90 days and pay the remaining 60% at low annual interest rate of 1% over a 17-25 year period.

After Hugo Chavez's death, the future does not look so good. The present president, Nicolás Maduro, recently increased the 1% interest rate to, in some cases, as high as 4%. Venezuela is undoubtedly one of the region's largest creditor.

Last year, Jamaica was estimated to owe Venezuela approximately \$2.4 billion for oil. While, according to Bloomberg, some have estimated that 35% of external Caribbean debt will be owed to Venezuela by the year 2015.

Developed nations now see the Caribbean oil rush as the new focus, and much easier to access and control than the problematic Middle East. As a result the disputes between countries with territory in the Caribbean are escalating and experts predict these disputes will only grow and become more aggressive as exploration exposes the true value of the energy reserves under the Caribbean.

### Apple China supplier imposes overtime, hires minors: group

BEIJING (AFP) - Three Chinese factories making Apple products impose excessive overtime and employ minors, a US-based advocacy group said on Monday, renewing scrutiny of labour practices by the US tech giant's suppliers.

The iPhone and iPad maker has faced pressure to better oversee often-poor manufacturing conditions in China since 13 workers for one of its suppliers committed suicide in 2010.

US-based China Labor Watch said in a report that three plants run by Pegatron Group violated standards set by Apple.

Apple's website says that these include no underage labour, overtime to be voluntary, and a maximum 60-hour workweek.

China Labor Watch said the 70,000 employees at the three Pegatron sites averaged 66, 67 and 69 hours per week, and that "many workers" were under 18, some of them interns from vocational schools.

Overtime was mandatory

during busy periods, it said, adding that employees at one site who refused to work extra hours once would lose the chance to do so for the rest of the month.

The report also described crowded dormitory rooms housing up to 12 people, insufficient fire escape routes and fines for behaviour such as "failing to tuck in one's chair after eating" and "absence from unpaid meetings".

It also said managers screened out job applicants who were pregnant or older than 35, and rushed through safety training.

Apple said in a statement it had audited Pegatron facilities 15 times since 2007 and found last month that their workweek averaged 46 hours.

China Labor Watch said it sent undercover investigators to the three factories and conducted nearly 200 worker interviews between March and July this year.

Pegatron Group, a Taiwanese company, could not immediately be reached for comment.

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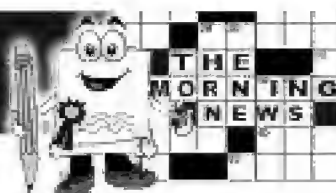
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12. Groom's response (2 wds.)
13. Draft status (hyph.)
14. Garfield's canine pal
15. Omaha's state (abbr.)
16. Fashion design name
17. "Auld \_\_\_\_ Syne"
18. Help
20. Actor Beatty
22. Iron deficient
24. Drink like a dog (2 wds.)
28. Make preparations
29. Swiss range
31. Opp. of WSW
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34. Stumble
35. One Gabor
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38. Fable man
40. Demi's hubby
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44. Sightseeing journey
45. Refined man

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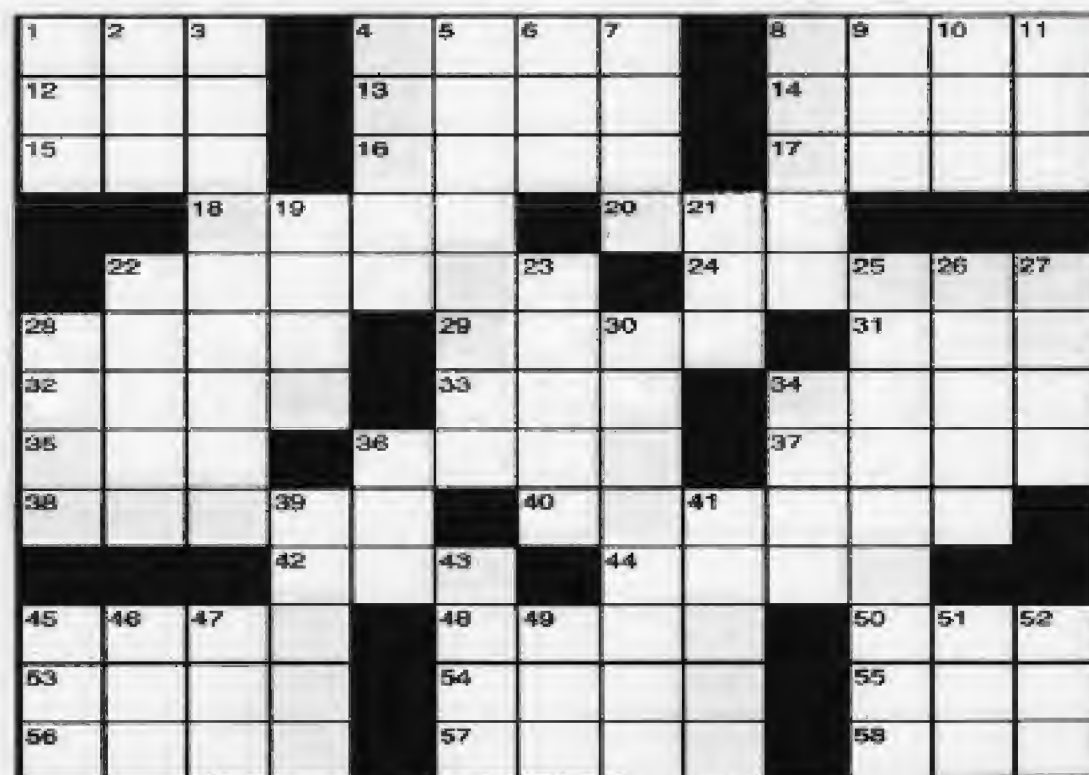
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22. Vibrant
23. Heidi's cousin
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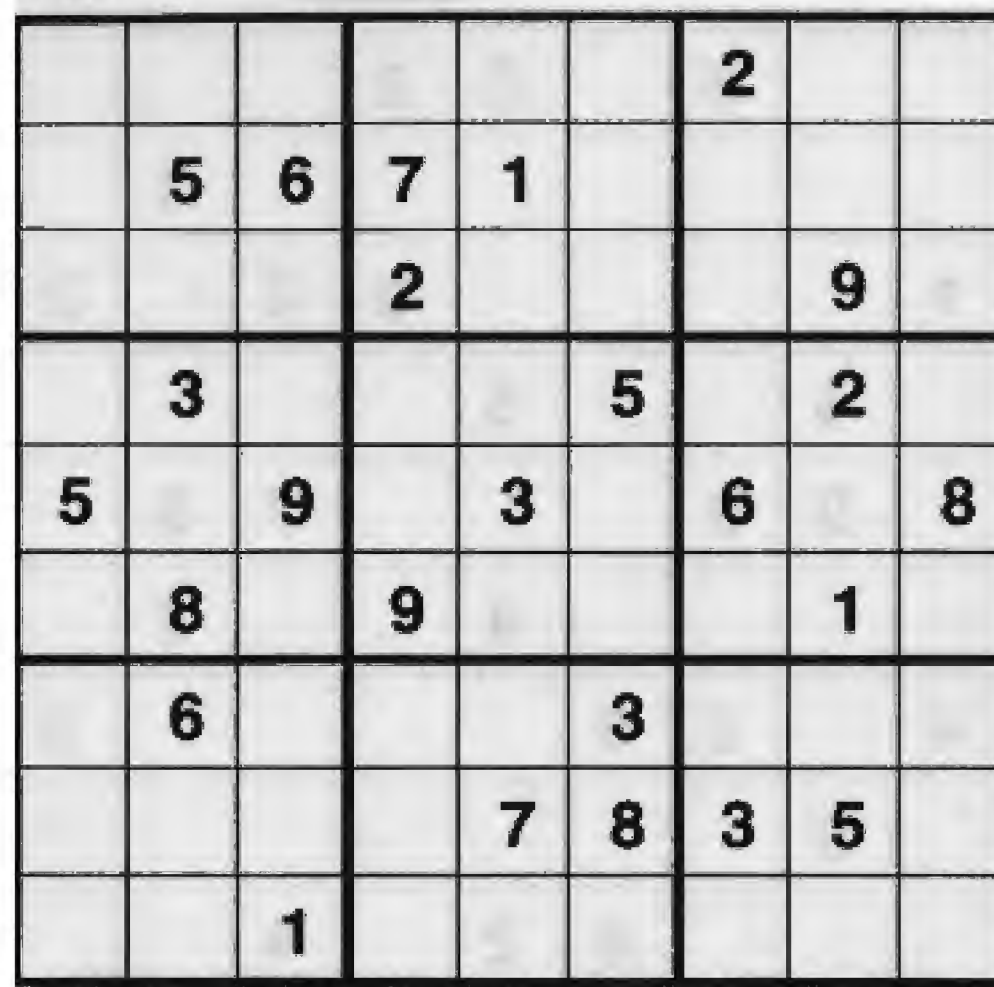
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.





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# IMF approves 1.7 bn euro loan payout to Greece

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund released 1.72 billion euros (\$2.29 billion) in aid for Greece on Monday after completing a review of the country's performance under the international rescue program.

The latest disbursement means that Greece has received a total of roughly 8.24 billion euros (\$10.94 billion) from the IMF under the bailout coordinated with the European Union and the European Central Bank in March 2012.

On Friday, the 18-nation eurozone gave the green light for the release of 4.0 billion euros in bailout funds for Greece after it had met program conditions.

Twice bailed-out Greece still faces a funding shortfall of some 3.8 billion euros late next year but its troika of international creditors are not overly concerned, a senior EU official said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There is a program financing gap of about 3.8 billion to the end of 2014," the European Union source said, adding that in the eyes of the experts involved, this figure was "not enormous."

Greece was first bailed out for 110 billion euros in 2010 but when that failed, got a second rescue worth 130 billion euros

plus a private sector debt write-off totaling more than 100 billion euros.

In exchange, Athens has had to implement draconian austerity measures, including drastic cuts to pensions and civil service payrolls while the economy has remained stuck in recession for some six years.

## NY fast food workers strike for living wage



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Hundreds of workers at McDonald's and other fast food outlets across New York went on strike Monday for higher wages in a movement organizers hope will spread nationwide.

Sporadic walkouts left managers to serve customers at flagship McDonald's outlets on Times Square and 5th Avenue in Manhattan.

Organizers said the strike had hit around 60 restaurants operated by McDonald's, Wendy's, KFC and Burger King across the New York area.

The striking workers are demanding the introduction of a standard wage of \$15/hour, more than twice the \$7.25 minimum wage that many fast food employees earn here. The average wage in the sector in New York is around \$9/hour and, unlike staff in mainstream

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve holds a monetary policy meeting this week amid intense speculation about the timing of a wind-down of massive stimulus, although few expect a change in direction.

The Federal Open Market Committee will wrap up a two-day meeting Wednesday with a policy statement that will be closely scrutinized for clues on how quickly the Fed will begin to taper its \$85 billion-a-month asset-purchases program.

There will be no news conference with Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke to further shed light on the central bank's thinking, as there was six weeks ago after the prior FOMC meeting.

Bernanke suggested the Fed could begin cutting the asset-purchase program, also known as quantitative easing, later this year and end it in mid-

2014 if the economy continued to improve.

Markets appeared to ignore his assertion that the Fed's key federal funds rate, at 0.0-0.25 percent since December 2008, would not rise before 2015.

Interest rates jumped more than a full percentage point in two months, pushing mortgage rates suddenly higher, raising concerns they could snuff out the housing market recovery, one of the few bright spots in the sluggish economy.

In later comments, particularly two days of twice-yearly testimony to Congress in mid-July, Bernanke sought to assure markets that the near-zero interest rate would stay put for a while, given the "weak" economy.

The Fed has said any rate hikes still hinged on reducing the unemployment rate, now at 7.6 percent, to 6.5 percent or less, and keeping inflation tame at around 2.0 percent.

The Fed policy meeting falls between two major reports -- on growth and the jobs market in the world's largest economy.

Hours before the panel ends its deliberations on Wednesday, the Commerce Department will publish its first estimate of gross domestic product for the second quarter.

After a spate of disappointing data, economists on average are forecasting GDP growth slowed to an annual rate of 1.1 percent from 1.8 percent in the first quarter.

The July jobs report Friday was expected to show the unemployment rate ticked down to 7.5 percent from 7.6 percent in June.

But jobs growth also was seen as falling, by 20,000 to 175,000.

"Whether GDP moves up or employment down will be a key issue for the Fed as well as markets in coming months -- arguably, more important than the pace for GDP in Q2," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief US economist at High Frequency Economics.

While there was little anticipation of a change in monetary policy coming out of the FOMC meeting that begins Tuesday, analysts predicted the panel would try to improve its communications.

"Markets are pressing the Fed for better forward guidance on quantitative easing, and it would be prudent for the central bank to comply," said Ryan Sweet of Moody's Analytics.

Moody's predicted the Fed will reduce its asset purchases in September by \$20 billion per month, evenly split between Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities.

HFE's Sullivan and other analysts agreed the tapering was likely to begin after the September 17-18 FOMC meeting and that expectation had already been fairly baked into the markets.

Sullivan said the post-meeting statement would probably be reworded to suggest tapering could begin soon.

Ed Yardeni of Yardeni Research said the Fed would be looking to minimize adverse market reactions.

Bernanke is hunting for an opportunity to taper the bond purchases "but the economic data are not giving the Fed the justification to pursue the policy it wants to have the justification to pursue," said Robert Brusca of FAO Economics.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



## FINANCE

# Fed policymakers expected to stay the course



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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	238.72
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# Exclusive interview with ASHTON KUTCHER

By Special Correspondent to Hollywood for

THE MORNING NEWS, Noel de Souza

-- Ashton Kutcher's career graph reads like a rocket ship headed for outer space. He has gone from model to actor, then producer and creator of television shows to investments in various technological start-up companies such as Skype. He is also the co-founder of venture capital fund A-grade investments and has started his own tee-shirt business. Now he is the star of the motion picture "JOBS" - with the tough role of bringing to the screen iconic innovator Steve Jobs, creator and founder of Apple computers, from designing the first PC, to his long, final battle with chronic illness.



**NDS:** ACTING IS AN ARTISTIC ENDEAVOR AND WHEN AN ACTOR BECOMES AN ENTREPRENEUR, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HE WEARS A DIFFERENT HAT

**AK:** I would say that I love creating things so whether I'm creating a character or helping someone build a company, it's still creating. I love providing the people around me in the world with things that make their life better and more enjoyable and whether I can do that artistically through the roles I play or artistically



As a young Steve Jobs

through the companies I advise, I gain a similar joy out of doing both.

**NDS:** SO WHEN YOU DID THE FILM DID YOU IDENTIFY OR LEARN SOME THING THAT YOU CAN APPLY IN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

**AK:** I would say simplicity that came from caring about the consumer. I learned that it just wasn't about making something useful, it was about making it simple and it was about painting the back of the fence that it just couldn't be beautiful on the outside, it needed to be beautiful on the inside and the parts that people don't even see need to be beautiful because you'll know if it's beautiful or not.

**NDS:** JOBS WAS A VISIONARY, DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A VISIONARY?

**AK:** I would say that I just try to surround myself with people who know more than I do. I try to be the dumbest guy in every room that I go into and if you pursue being the dumbest guy in the room, what you'll find is you'll be surrounded by really smart

people and your vision usually isn't your own. Your vision becomes a collective of those really smart people that you get to sit in rooms with and then it's your ability to actually execute the ideas they give you and share with you.

**NDS:** YOU ARE LISTED AS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. WHAT DOES BEING INFLUENTIAL MEAN TO YOU AND HOW DO YOU USE THAT POWER?

**AK:** I think that being influential is really a function of creating change, positive change and generous change. I would say that it's probably the institution that starts to create that and if it is your effort and you find success, suddenly people call you influential. But being influential can be as simple as taking the time to think about and caring about the people you are sitting at a dining table with. Or taking the time to think about and care about the person that you see at the coffee stand every morning, because you could be influencing someone. Most of the influence that we actually give in the world is relatively unconscious. It's whether we smile at someone

when we meet them, or whether we hold the door open for them. All these are influential situations. So eventually influence come down to caring about other people and then taking responsibility for the fact that you're affecting the world around you every sec-

self. We started looking at what are the things that we wear every single day and how do we find the best version of that, I wear tee-shirts every day. So I started a company with a guy Ryan Donohue called Pickwick and Weller in the pursuit of making the most



Kutcher after makeover to look like young Steve Jobs

ond of every moment of every day. People who take that responsibility tend to be the people that are very influential. This then works on a larger scale when one uses their influence to promote worthwhile causes.

**NDS:** YOU WHERE A MODEL AND YOUR STYLE OF DRESS IS IMPRESSIVE; WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOUR PERSONAL STYLE?

**AK:** My personal style is probably more than anything a function of convenience and comfort. If it's comfortable and convenient that tends to be what I wear. I wear tee-shirts almost every day. Fashion tends to work from the outside-in, and I tend to work from the inside-out. A friend of mine and I had a conversation about this sort of reverse engineering fashion for our-

comfortable tee-shirts in the world.

**NDS:** WHAT ARE THE MUST HAVES IN YOUR CLOSET?

**AK:** Sneakers and tee-shirts.

**NDS:** SNEAKERS?

**AK:** Yeah, sneakers are comfortable and even if they are dress shoes I make sure that they are comfortable. I am an active guy, I like to walk a lot and run and sneakers that are comfortable do it for me. It is important for me, because happy feet are happy people.

**NDS:** YOU LOOK VERY MUCH IN SHAPE; WHAT DOES YOUR FITNESS PROGRAM CONSIST OF?

**AK:** I'd say it's pretty much confined to running and jiu jitsu. I find that these two things work for me.

**LOS ANGELES (AFP)** - An original copy of the list of Jews saved by Oskar Schindler from the Holocaust has gone unsold on eBay, but the auctioneer said Monday he's not disappointed. The 14-page typewritten list -- bearing the names of 801 men -- originated with the German industrialist's right-hand man Itzhak Stern and had a steep opening bid of \$3 million. Without giving details, Gazin said "active discussions" now are under way with "multiple parties" who are still interested in acquiring the one-of-a-kind document. In the meantime, he added, "there are no plans to relist the list or lower the price."

The list is one of four known to exist, and the only one in private hands. The others are in museums in Israel and the United States. It once belonged to a nephew of Stern in Israel who sold it about three years ago to the current owner, who acquired it as an investment, Gazin's partner Gary Zimet, of momentsintime.com, told AFP. Schindler is credited with saving the lives of some 1,200 Jews employed in his factories during World War II. He died in anonymity in Germany in 1974 at the age of 66. His story was the focal point of director Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning film "Schindler's List" in 1993.





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dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



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watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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## Jubilant return home



—The German women's football team have arrived back on home turf a day after their European Championship victory. They were met by more than 5,000 cheering supporters outside Frankfurt city hall shortly after touching down. Germany have won their sixth consecutive women's European Championship after a 1-0 victory over Norway. Goalkeeper and captain Nadine Angerer was the hero of the match, saving two penalties. Coach Silvia Neid had only kind words for her side's historic achievement after the match. "I am very, very satisfied and proud of this team," she told broadcaster ARD.

## Athletics: US squad named for world championships

INDIANAPOLIS(AFP) - Nine reigning world champions and 20 medalists from the London Olympics were among the athletes named Monday to the United States team for next month's World Championships in Moscow.

A trio of teenagers -- 17-year-old 1500 metres runner Mary Cain, 19-year-old 400m runner Arman Hall and 19-year-old 800m runner Ajee Wilson are among those set to compete in Russia from August 10-18.

Defending world champions include Jason Richardson (110m hurdles), Christian Taylor (triple jump), Jesse Williams (high jump), Dwight Phillips (long jump), Trey Hardee (decathlon), Carmelita Jeter (100m), Jenny Simpson (1500m), Lashinda Demus (400m hurdles) and Brittney Reese (long jump).

Four others earned automatic places after winning season titles in the 2012 Diamond League -- Charonda Williams (200m), Dawn Harper (100m hurdles), Chaunte Lowe (high jump) and Reese Hoffa (shot put).

Five world record-holders are in the American lineup, including Ashton Eaton (decathlon and heptathlon), Aries Merritt (110m hurdles), Jenn Suhr (indoor pole vault), Allyson Felix and Carmelita Jeter (4x100m relay).

United States roster for IAAF World Championships:

**WOMEN** 100m Carmelita Jeter, English Gardner, Octavious Freeman, Alexandria Anderson

200m Charonda Williams, Kimberlyn Duncan, Allyson Felix, Jeneba Tarmoh

400m Natasha Hastings, Francena McCorory, Ashley Spencer

100mH Dawn Harper, Brianna Rollins, Queen Harrison, Nia Ali

400mH Lashinda Demus, Dalilah Muhammad, Georganne Moline, Christine Spence

800m Alysia Montano, Brenda Martinez, Ajee Wilson

1500m Jenny Simpson, Treniere Moser, Mary Cain, Cory McGee

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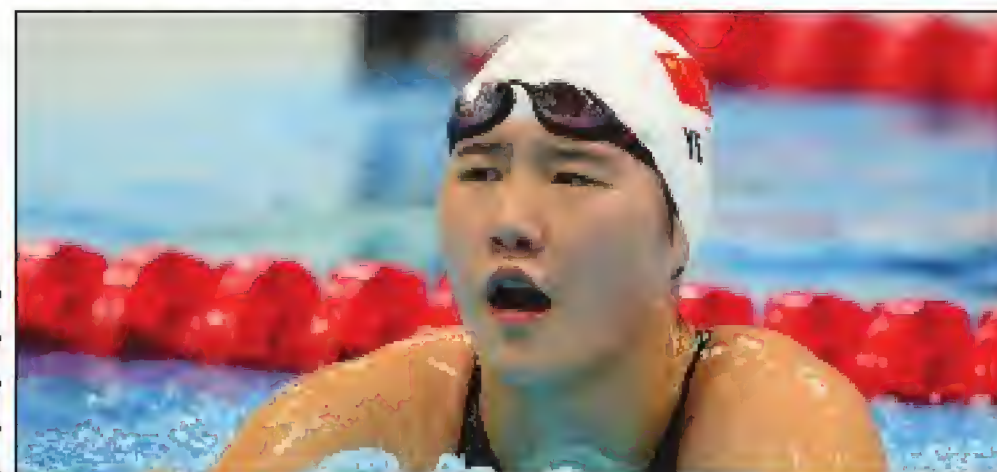
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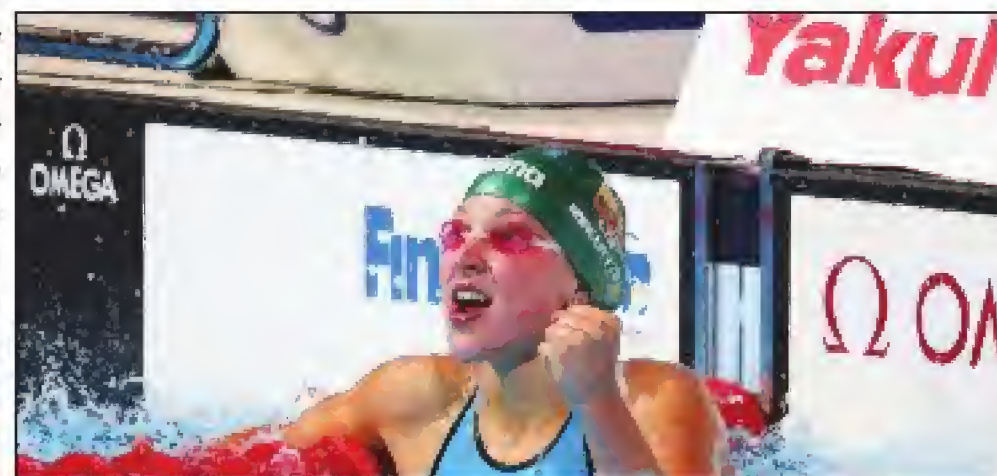
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## SPORTS

### Swimming: Ye suffers shock 200IM defeat at worlds



Ye Shiwen



Ruta Meilutyte of Lithuania celebrates as she sets a new world record

BARCELONA(AFP) - China's Olympic champion Ye Shiwen finished a shock fourth in Monday's 200m individual medley final, while teenager Ruta Meilutyte smashed the world record in the women's 100m breaststroke semi-finals.

The 17-year-old Ye had been the hot favourite for Monday's 200m IM final at swimming's world championships in Barcelona, but finished a full second behind the medalists as Hungary's Katinka Hosszu claimed gold.

Hosszu, 24, won by a considerable margin, clocking 2mins 07.92secs with Australia's Alicia Coutts second at 1.47sec back and Spain's Mireia Belmonte 1.53 behind, but defending champion Ye was a noticeable absentee on the dais.

Ye finished more than a second behind the medalists, which surprised Hosszu.

Ye has her next chance at an individual medal in Sunday's 400m IM, in which she set the world record at the Olympics last year in controversial fashion by swimming the last leg faster than Ryan Lochte did when he won the men's

Olympic title.

Lithuania's teenage star Meilutyte, who pulled off a shock win in the Olympic 100m breaststroke final last year, punched the water in delight as she took a tenth of a second off the world record to blast her way into Tuesday's final.

Meilutyte broke the four-year-old mark of 1min 04.45secs, set by Jessica Hardy of the USA, who will get the chance to reclaim her record in the final.

Swedish teenager Sarah Sjöström regained her women's 100m butterfly title, while defending champion and world record-holder Dana Vollmer could only take bronze.

Sjöström, who won the 2009 title aged just 15, hit the wall at 56.53secs, ahead of Coutts and Vollmer, America's Olympic champion who set the world record in winning the Olympic crown.

Coutts claimed two silver medals in Monday night's session, leaving her with three silvers in two days after anchoring the Australian team in Sunday's 4x100m freestyle relay.





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## MLB: Alex Rodriguez facing possibility of lifetime ban

-- Alex Rodriguez is expected to fight any suspension imposed by Major League Baseball, a source said Sunday, as it now appears suspensions are imminent for the Yankees third baseman and others in the Biogenesis probe.

Major League Baseball officials expect to hear from Alex Rodriguez concerning a deal they offered that would suspend the Yankees third baseman for this season and next in exchange for avoiding a lifetime ban and being able to collect much of the remaining money on his large contract, it was reported Sunday.



is prepared to suspend Rodriguez in the coming days and ban him from playing again, a source close to the situation said.

Rodriguez, who is recovering from a grade 1 quadriceps strain, was not spotted Sunday at the Yankees' minor-league complex in Tampa. He is expected to be there until at least Thursday before beginning a rehab assignment.

If the embattled Rodriguez accepts the deal, the suspension will begin immediately and allow MLB to avoid arbitration in the process. It would also allow him the chance to retain the \$60 million the Yankees would owe him from the point of his reinstatement through the end of his contract in 2017.

If the 33-year-old rejects the deal, commissioner Bud Selig

is prepared to suspend Rodriguez in the coming days and ban him from playing again, a source close to the situation said.

Rodriguez's 10 years with the Yankees alone has been a roller-coaster ride, from his feud with teammate Derek Jeter to doping allegations to poor playoff performances, and will probably be remembered more for controversy than success.

## Cycling: Zabel resigns from post following doping admission

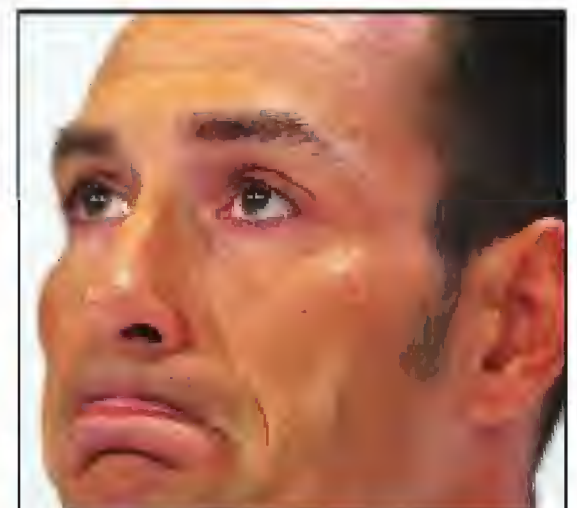
LAUSANNE (AFP) - Former Tour de France sprint ace Erik Zabel resigned from his position with the Professional Cycling Council Monday following his doping admissions, the International Cycling Union said.

The 43-year-old gave an interview published on the Sueddeutsche Zeitung website Sunday in which he admitted to using EPO between 1996 and 2004.

The six-time Tour green jersey winner's confession came a few days after a French government commission released the names of a number of cyclists whose retroactively tested samples from 1998 and 1999 had come up positive in 2004.

Back in 1998 and 1999 there was no test for EPO.

Zabel retired as one of the greatest sprinters in the sport's history in 2003, a year after he had admitted to having tried EPO in 1996 in the lead-up to



the Tour de France.

However, his latest admission showed he lied even then as he previously claimed he had only tried it for a week before stopping due to side effects.

In Sunday's interview he also owned up to using cortisone and blood doping.

He was among several high profile names whose retested samples showed they used EPO during the 1998 or 1999 Tours.

Zabel's son Rick, now 19, has just signed his first professional cycling contract.

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## Police search lake for weapon



Bristol police, along with Connecticut State Police and Massachusetts state police, have been searching Pine Lake Park in Bristol in connection with the investigation into Aaron Hernandez. Hernandez, a Bristol, Connecticut native and former New England Patriot, has been charged with the murder of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player. Lloyd's body was found June 17 in an industrial park about a mile from Hernandez's Massachusetts home. He was shot five times. Hernandez, who has pleaded not guilty, is being held in lieu of bond. Police said they are searching for evidence in the case, including the murder weapon.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	63	43	.594	--
TAMPA	62	43	.590	0.5
BALTIMORE	58	48	.547	5.0
YANKEES	55	50	.524	7.5
TORONTO	48	56	.462	14.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	59	45	.567	--
CLEVELAND	56	48	.538	3.0
KANSAS	51	51	.500	7.0
MINNESOTA	45	57	.441	13.0
CHICAGO	40	62	.392	18.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	62	43	.590	--
TEXAS	56	49	.533	6.0
SEATTLE	50	55	.476	12.0
LA ANGELES	48	55	.466	13.0
HOUSTON	35	69	.337	26.5

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	60	45	.571	--
WASHINGTON	52	54	.491	8.5
PHILADELPHIA	49	56	.467	11.0
NY METS	46	56	.451	12.5
MIAMI	40	63	.388	19.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	62	40	.608	--
PITTSBURGH	61	42	.592	1.5
CINCINNATI	59	47	.557	5.0
CHICAGO	48	55	.466	14.5
MILWAUKEE	43	61	.413	20.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	56	48	.538	--
ARIZONA	54	51	.514	2.5
COLORADO	51	55	.481	6.0
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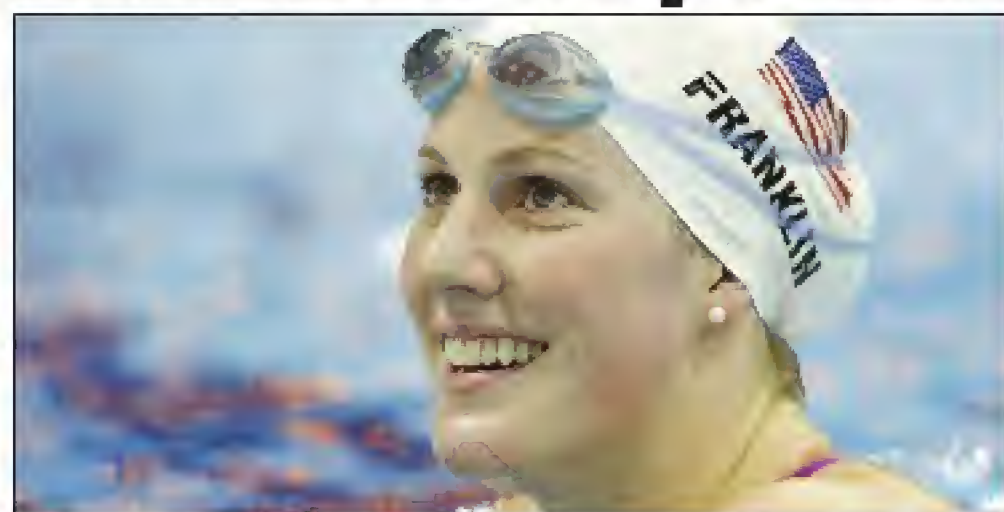
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## Swimming: Franklin on track to follow in Phelps' footsteps



BARCELONA (AFP) - American teen swimming sensation Missy Franklin took another step towards matching Michael Phelps' eight gold medal haul from the Beijing Olympics five years ago at the swimming world championships in Barcelona on Monday.

The 18-year-old cruised into Tuesday's final of the 100 metres backstroke, registering the fastest time in the semi-finals of 59.31 seconds to suggest that she could even threaten Gemma Spofforth's world record from the world champi-

onships four years ago.

Records though are not her principal target.

"I haven't thought about the world record," she said. "I'm just going to go out there, swim and have fun. I think when you reduce it down to a number you lose what it's really all about."

What does matter to the four-time gold medalist from the London Olympics last year is medals and she was given extra motivation by bumping into Phelps in the Catalan capital.

The most decorated

Olympian of all time is not competing in Barcelona after retiring following the London Games, but Franklin insists he still remains an inspiration.

"I saw him yesterday and that was wonderful." His legacy speaks for itself and we have to try and create our own."

And that is exactly what the California born swimmer is doing as she also attempts to add the 50 and 200m backstroke, 100 and 200m freestyle and the 4x200m relay and 4x100m medley relay to her first world championship gold which she claimed with her US teammates in the 4x100m relay on Sunday evening.

Another demanding day for Franklin starts early on today morning with the 200m freestyle heats and all being well she'll have to return to the pool for the semi-finals of the same event just minutes after the 100m backstroke final later in the evening.

## Football: Former champions put European bids at stake

PARIS (AFP) - Former European champions PSV Eindhoven and Steaua Bucharest put their ambitions for the continental campaign on the line in midweek in the third and penultimate round of Champions League qualifying.

The Dutch giants, who won their solitary European Cup back in 1988 when they defeated Benfica on penalties, host Belgian outsiders Zulte Waregem in their League Route first leg tie today before the second leg matches scheduled for August 6 and 7.

Steaua Bucharest, who became the first Eastern European team to lift the famous Cup in 1986, open their bid for a repeat on the road at Georgian side Dinamo Tbilisi as part of the 10-fixture Champions Route.

The winners of the five fixtures from the League Route will go into the hat for the final round of qualifying along with Arsenal, AC Milan and Schalke, Real Sociedad and Pacos de Ferreira.

Elsewhere in the League Route, former semi-finalists Lyon host Swiss hopefuls Grasshoppers, who last reached the group stages in 1997.

Turkish club Fenerbahce

travel to FC Salzburg with a potential ban hanging over them for their involvement in a domestic match-fixing scandal.

Danish club Nordsjaelland, who reached the group stages last season for the first time, stand in the way of Russian heavyweights Zenit Saint-Petersburg, who enjoyed their finest moment in Europe when they won the 2008 UEFA Cup.

PAOK of Greece host Metalist Kharkiv of Ukraine in the remaining match of the pool.

Other matches in the Champions Route include FC Basel who will try to build on their run to last season's Europa League semi-finals with a tricky tie against Maccabi Tel Aviv of Israel.

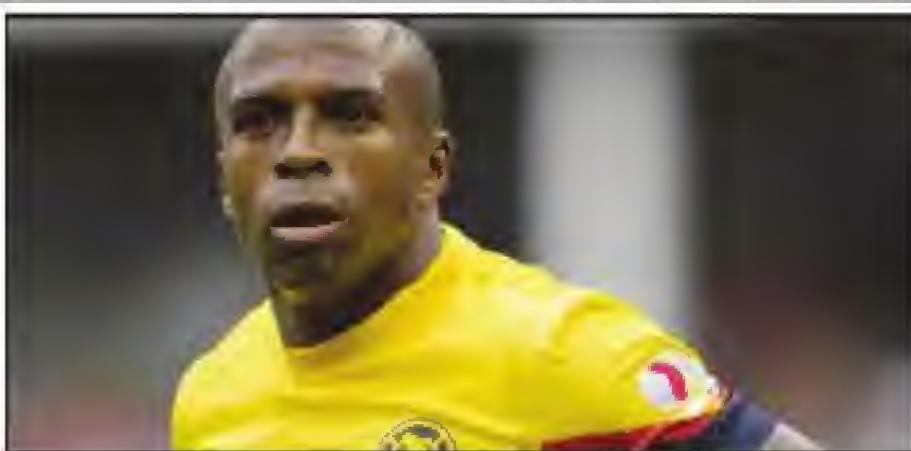
Scottish champions Celtic host Sweden's Elfsborg in Glasgow on Wednesday while Shakhtar Karagandy, who are trying to become the first team from Kazakhstan to reach the group stages, tackle Skenderbeu of Albania.

Austria Vienna are at home to Hafnarfjordur of Iceland, Estonian side Nommme Kalju await Viktoria Plzen of the Czech Republic, while Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb take on Moldovan underdogs Sheriff.

## Football: Ecuador striker dies suddenly in Qatar

QUITO (AFP) - Ecuador striker Christian Benitez has died suddenly in Qatar at the age of 27, his agent Jose Chamorro said. Speaking to Ecuadorian Gama TV, Chamorro claimed Benitez, known as "Chucho", had suffered a heart-attack. He had complained of abdominal pains and was transferred to a hospital, where he died on Monday, Chamorro said.

Benitez, who was top scorer in the Mexican league last season with Club America, had just signed for Qatari outfit El-Jaish and had travelled to the club to undergo a medical before completing his move. El-Jaish said in a statement that Benitez played on Sunday with the team in a match against Qatar Sports Club in the Sheikh Jasssem Cup "without complaining of any health problems." Ecuador's interior minister Jose Serrano took to Twitter to pay tribute to the player, who also turned out for English side Birmingham City for one season. Benitez was considered a key part of Colombian coach Reinaldo Rueda's Ecuador team that is hoping to qualify for next year's World Cup in Brazil, sitting third in the South American qualifying group.




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